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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

FROM:

[REDACTED] Deputy Chief, Plans and Programs Staff, OL

SUBJECT: Synopses of Bills Pending in Congress

1. H.R. 10627 - Small Business Contracting Equity Act:

This bill will add to Section 2, Section 6(d) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, a paragraph 7. The legislation will provide for the payment of interest upon the amount due a "small business" for the period from the date on which payment is due to the date on which payment is made, including any period of litigation. Interest shall not accrue if the amount due is paid within 30 days of the date on which it is due.

Comment: Knowing how cumbersome and time consuming payment procedures are, this could be costly to the Agency. It might be timely to push for expedient payment methods, including the assignment of an Office of Finance disbursement section at the depot to handle all types of direct vendor payments. Copies of the bill were sent for information to the Procurement Management Staff (PMS), Supply and Procurement Divisions.

2. H.R. 10749 - Federal Acquisition Act of 1977:

The bill was discussed very briefly with [REDACTED]. He prefers to handle the review. The bill was forwarded to PMS.

3. H.R. 10699 - Foreign Mission Solar Demonstration Act:

The bill is designed to demonstrate solar energy and other energy technologies in foreign countries by promoting the use of these technologies in buildings acquired under the Foreign Service Buildings Act. The purpose of these measures is to give host nations visible incentives to develop these technologies

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and to reduce dependence upon petroleum, develop markets for American solar energy systems, encourage cooperation between the United States and other countries in efforts to develop new energy systems, and to provide alternative energy sources for the operation of vital and sensitive systems.

Comment: It is likely that any Agency real property acquisitions and new construction overseas which falls under the Foreign Service Buildings Act will come under this legislation. A copy was sent to the Real Estate and Construction Division for information.

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